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NEW PROVINCIAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED

VICTORIA – Thomas Woods has been appointed to the bench of the Provincial Court in the Lower Mainland, Attorney General Wally Oppal announced today.

The appointment is effective Oct. 5, 2007.

Woods has practiced in the civil litigation area with Lawson Lundell in Vancouver since 1988. In 2006, he was honoured with the UBC (University of British Columbia) Law Alumni Association alumni award of distinction.

Woods serves as the editor of the Advocate, a bi-monthly legal journal whose approximately 11,000 subscribers include all members of the legal profession in British Columbia, the judiciary and law libraries across Canada and abroad. He was appointed assistant editor of the Advocate in 1990 and editor in 1996.

The process to appoint judges involves several steps. Interested lawyers apply and the B.C. Judicial Council, a committee made up of the chief judge, other judges, lawyers and lay people, then reviews the candidates.

The council recommends potential judges to the Attorney General, with the final appointment made through a cabinet order-in-council. More information about the appointment process can be found at www.provincialcourt.bc.ca.

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